GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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SURVEY OF SANCTUARIES AND WILDLIFE PARKS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any mechanism to conduct surveys of sanctuaries and wildlife parks for the actual presence of wildlife and their density and numbers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any requests have been received from various sections/societies/quarters for conducting census surveys of sanctuaries/wildlife parks;

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon; and

(e) the steps proposed to assist wildlife enthusiasts and concerned people in their efforts to preserve wildlife?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b)Yes, Sir. The State Governments conduct census of major species of fauna in National Parks and Sanctuaries.Government provides financial assistance to the State Governments for this purpose based on the Annual Plans submitted by them. Also, Botanical Survey of India and Zoological Survey of India conduct surveys over larger landscapes including National Parks and Sanctuaries periodically.

(c)No, Sir.

(d)Does not arise.

(e)Wildlife enthusiasts and concerned people are encouraged to carry out research projects, wildlife awareness creation and education programmes, etc, and thus to contribute to the efforts being made to conserve wildlife.